## SENATE BILL 2025

## By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 14 and Title 39, relative to COVID-19.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 14, Chapter 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

## 14-2-105.

- (a) It is an offense for a person or entity to intentionally require that another person receive a COVID-19 vaccination or provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination:
  - (1) As a condition of employment; or
  - (2) As a condition to enter any building, facility, or property that is generally open to the public.

(b)

- (1) A first violation of this subsection (a) is a Class C misdemeanor.
- (2) A second violation of subsection (a) is a Class B misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of no less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- (3) A third or subsequent violation of subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of no less than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).
- (c) It is an exception to the application of subsection (a) if the requirement is a condition for entry into a hospital or other facility used for healthcare treatment of a person who has been designated by a physician as being at high risk of death from exposure to a communicable disease.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 14-6-104, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

This title, except for chapter 5 and § 14-2-105, terminates on July 1, 2023.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.

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